

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Applicant notes with appreciation the allowance of claims 1-3, 5 and 15-19.

§112 REJECTIONS

In the Office Action dated July 23, 2004, Examiner indicated that claims 4 and 6-14 stand rejected under 35 USC §112, second paragraph. Applicant has canceled several of the rejected claims, and submitted amendments to the others, thereby placing all of the rejected claims in condition for allowance, which is respectfully solicited.

Applicant has cancelled in the present amendment claims 8, 9 and 10. With regard to claim 4, Applicant has deleted the subject matter of claim 4 deemed problematic by the examiner, and has inserted the following recitation: "said top face is oriented perpendicular an orientation of said dowel." Antecedent basis for the new limitation may be found, for example, page 6 lines 6-8 of Applicant's specification.

Applicant has further amended claim 6 and the claims dependent thereto to both recite in particular a complete operation for extracting a die button, as well as reciting the steps of the method as active method steps in accordance with the Examiner's recommendation. Applicant has further amended claims 11-14 to recite certain terms appearing in now canceled claims 8 -10. All of the §112 issues are believed resolved, and favorable consideration of the as yet not allowed claims is respectfully requested.

However, if the examiner believes that some minor additional clarification would put this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at (812) 333-5355 in order to hasten the prosecution of this application.

Respectfully Submitted,



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